Reviewer’s report

Title: A feasibility study of a randomised controlled trial to examine the impact of the ABCDE bundle on quality of life in ICU survivors

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I only have relatively minor suggestion and questions for the authors:

* I believe the pre-specified definition of trial success should be stated in the abstract. It is some way in to the manuscript before these are listed.

* More details are needed in regards to assessing patient eligibility/ inclusion / exclusion criteria. Where these decisions made from objective measures or subjective choice?

* More clarity is needed regarding the time frame of recruitment, were research staff in the hospital ready to enroll patients over the entire study time frame? every morning?

* Insufficient details are given on obtaining informed consent. Were only patients that were capable of giving informed consent or was consent obtained after randomization when the patients were capable?

* Was contamination a problem, whereby staff were potentially administering intervention and control conditions to staff? were other study designs considered to reduce this?

* Table 1 baseline characteristics contains information regarding length of stay and other patient outcomes (eg mortality). On a side point, was the mortality numbers listed all in-hospital mortality or post discharge as well?

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